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Green Fodder
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to produce green fodder on forest land for cattle-rearers;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether fodder is being provided by the Government to cattle rearers at reasonable rates and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the assistance provided to the States for production of green fodder, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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(a) & (b)

(c) & (d)

The National Forest Policy, 1988 emphasises for a massive need-based and time bound programme of afforestation and tree planting, with particular emphasis on fuel-wood and fodder development, on all degraded and denuded lands in the country.

National Afforestation & Eco-development Board (NAEB), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP) for afforestation and eco-restoration of degraded forests. The scheme provides various models/components for eco-restoration, one of them being Development of Pasture/Silvi-pasture model which aims at increasing the fodder availability in the project area. During last three years from 2013-14 to 2015-16, an area of 13013 ha. has been approved to be planted under Silvi-pasture Development Component.

Further, MoEF&CC had also issued various advisories dated 25.04.2014, 27.06.2014 and 03.07.2014 to all States/UTs for taking all possible steps and contingency measures in facilitating and improving the fodder availability from the forests and common lands. The emphasis has been given to plant fodder

species under pasture/silvi-pasture development programme of National Afforestation Programme.

Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries (DADF) , Government of India has taken necessary steps to increase fodder production in various part of the country by providing financial assistance to the States/UTs
under Centrally Sponsored National Livestock Mission with a sub mission on Feed and Fodder Development. The detailed components of the Sub-Mission are as under:

1. Fodder Production from Non-forest wasteland/ rangeland/ grassland/ non- arable land.
2. Fodder production from Forest land.
3. Fodder Seed Procurement/ Production & Distribution

4. Introduction of Hand Driven Chaff-Cutter
5. Introduction of Power Driven Chaff-Cutter
6. Distribution of low capacity, tractor mountable Fodder Block Making units, has baling machines/ reapers/ forage harvesters
7. Establishment of silage making Units
8. Establishment of by-pass protein production unit
9. Establishment of Area Specific Mineral Mixture /Feed Pelleting /Feed Manufacturing Unit.
10. Establishment/modernization of Feed Testing Laboratories.

The details of assistance provided to the States under Sub-Mission Feed and Fodder Development of National Livestock Mission is annexed.